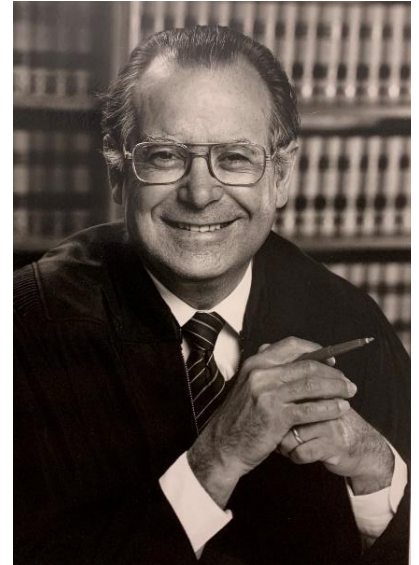


Daniel Castaneda, PhD Student and Marchand Public Engagement Intern

Cruz Reynoso Exhibit Proposal

Exhibition Title: Democracy by Participation: The Life and Legacy of Cruz Reynoso

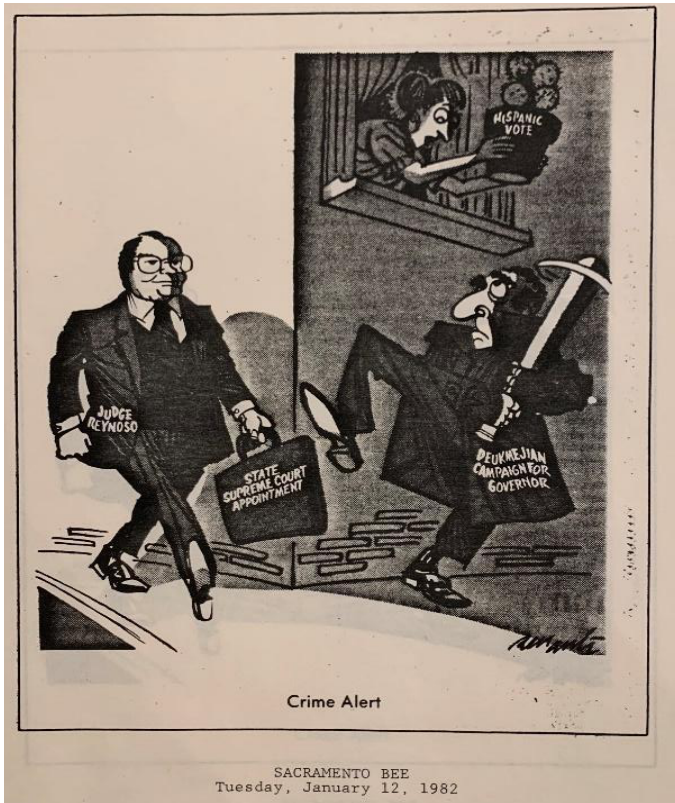
Exhibition Concept: Cruz Reynoso, the first Latino Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, devoted his life to equity and inclusion. He participated, and often led, efforts to strengthen democracy and increase political representation. Using documents, photographs, and political ephemera from his papers, this exhibit illustrates Cruz Reynoso's belief in democracy and the value of political participation, which he believed would create a more equitable society. Additionally, the materials reveal themes of what it meant to be Mexican-American during Reynoso's life, as well as the legacy of his efforts today. The conclusion of the exhibit will invite viewers to reflect on Reynoso's legacy and the broader significance of his social justice views today.



Exhibition Content: This exhibition will be displayed outside of the UC Davis Special Collections and University Archives reading room. The items will consist of materials found within Cruz Reynoso's personal papers. These include political ephemera (including stickers, buttons, campaign flyers), personal and official correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, and government publications. Other miscellaneous materials include doodles he made in his personal notes and a napkin from the Executive Mansion. Some materials will be displayed in the exhibit cases, while others may be copied/photographed, then printed. The exhibit will be divided into three sections: 1) Reynoso's Political Views Form, 2) Becoming the First Latino Associate Justice, 3) Continuing the Fight

Project Goals: This project, first and foremost, seeks to recover the life and legacy of Cruz Reynoso. This exhibit should teach viewers about Reynoso's career and encourage them to want to learn more. As a collaboration with Special Collections, the project should reveal that Reynoso's personal papers are at UC Davis and promote future opportunities for research. An underlying theme is to broaden viewers' understanding of California history and see how growing up and coming of age politically in the state

shaped Reynoso's experience as a lawyer, law professor, and judge. Viewers should ideally be able to identify the themes his life represents, including a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. A second goal of this exhibit is to use Reynoso's life as an example of the Mexican-American social



experience and how it spurred political action.

Throughout his career, Reynoso was aware of his ethnicity and, in some cases, served as a mentor and icon for aspiring Mexican-American lawyers and political actors. In others, he faced criticism and increased scrutiny because of his beliefs – like a fellow judge who referred to him as a “professional Mexican.” Using Reynoso's life as a case study, this exhibit should encourage viewers to reflect on Mexican-Americans' attempts for political and social inclusion in California.

Budget: Labor for the exhibit will be used through

a combination of California History-Social Science Project, Special Collections staff, and UC Davis undergraduate interns. Printing will be conducted in-house. The main budget for this project is for undergraduate interns, which comes from the Office of Academic Diversity.¹ Each student is budgeted for ten hours a week for ten weeks, at a rate of \$18.50 per hour. The total cost of paying three student interns, if they use all hours allotted, would be \$4440.00.

¹ *Note for the Library Graduate Student Prize Review Committee:* In the initial proposal, I intended to mentor undergraduates, but due to time constraints, I exclusively completed the physical exhibit. I collaborated with undergraduates on a digital exhibit, which can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/reynoso-exhibit>



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Cruz Reynoso

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Although he did not serve in the Assembly, Reynoso served Californians as a Secretary to Governor Pat Brown and advised him on issues important to Spanish-speaking people. After Reagan's election, Reynoso left Sacramento for the California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), a legal services organization dedicated to issues facing rural and impoverished communities. He believed that justice should be available to all people regardless of their income.

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(This block features a photograph of Pat Brown and Cruz Reynoso sitting at a table, with an American flag in the background.)

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After meeting his requirements for a new speech, Reynolds would receive his diploma as Chief Counsel for the Civil Liberties Unit (CLU) for the National Lawyers Guild. He is shown as a law professor at the University of New Mexico Law School.



U.S. Probe of the CIA Fight

The U.S. government is probing the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) fight against the Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA) and its front organizations, according to a report in the New York Times.

The report says that the CIA has been conducting a long-term campaign to infiltrate the CPUSA and its front organizations, and that the government is now investigating the results of this campaign.

The report also says that the CIA has been using a variety of tactics to infiltrate the CPUSA, including the use of spies, informants, and other agents.



From Reynolds' April 20, 1954

Director of CRILA Resigns

The resignation of the Director of the Civil Liberties Unit (CLU) of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) is announced in a letter from the NLG to the CLU. The letter is dated April 20, 1954, and is signed by the NLG.

The letter states that the Director of the CLU, [Name], has resigned from his position as Director of the CLU. The letter also states that the NLG is pleased to have [Name] as a member of the NLG.

Cruz Reynoso First Latin Law Professor With Tenure in U.S.

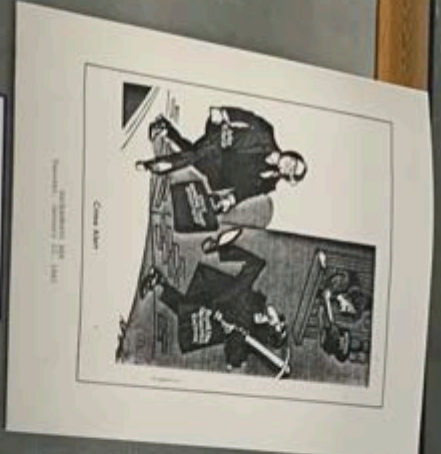
On September 15, 1972, the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) announced that it had granted tenure to Cruz Reynoso, a Latin American law professor. This makes Cruz Reynoso the first Latin American law professor to receive tenure at a U.S. university.

Cruz Reynoso is a native of Chile and has spent most of his professional life in the United States. He received his law degree from the University of Chile in 1958 and his Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1964. He has been a professor at UCLA since 1964.

Reynoso is a member of the American Bar Association and the American Academy of Law. He is also a member of the National Lawyers Guild and the National Lawyers Guild's Civil Liberties Unit. He is currently serving as the director of the Civil Liberties Unit.

Reynoso's appointment to tenure is a significant achievement for Latin American law professors in the United States. It also reflects the growing importance of Latin American law in the United States.

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Chief Justice Warren (left) and Justice Brennan (right) in 1961.

In this photograph, Warren and Brennan are seen in their chambers at the Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. The two Justices are seated at a desk, with Brennan on the left and Warren on the right. They appear to be in a serious conversation, possibly discussing a case or the Court's operations. The setting is a formal office with bookshelves and a typewriter visible in the background.

Critics preparing blast at Reynoso as high-court nominee

By [Name] Staff Writer

The Senate Judiciary Committee today announced that it will report to the Senate a nomination of George E. Reynoso to the Supreme Court. The nomination is expected to be reported to the Senate in the next few days.

Reynoso, 52, is a former federal judge who served on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals from 1968 to 1974. He was appointed to the court by President Nixon. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the National Judicial Conference.

His nomination has drawn the attention of critics who are preparing a "blast" against him. They are concerned about his record on the Ninth Circuit, particularly his dissenting opinions in cases involving civil liberties and the rights of minorities.

Reynoso's critics argue that he has shown a consistent record of conservatism and a willingness to uphold the status quo. They believe that his nomination would be a setback for the liberal wing of the Supreme Court.

Despite the criticism, the Senate Judiciary Committee has expressed confidence in Reynoso's qualifications. It has praised his judicial skills and his experience on the federal bench.

The Senate is expected to vote on Reynoso's nomination in the next few weeks. The outcome of the vote will have significant implications for the future of the Supreme Court.



Reynoso's Nomination

Washington, D.C., Feb. 10, 1975

Dear Mr. Justice:

I am writing to you in the hope that you will be able to help me in my efforts to secure the nomination of George E. Reynoso to the Supreme Court. I have been very disappointed to learn that the Senate Judiciary Committee has not yet reported his nomination to the Senate.

Reynoso is a highly qualified and experienced judge who has served on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for over a decade. He has a strong record of judicial integrity and a deep understanding of the law. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and the National Judicial Conference.

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Very truly yours,
 [Name]

In this letter, Justice George E. Paras, who also sat on the Third Appellate Court, accused Justice Reynoso of being a

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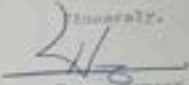
Very truly yours,
 George E. Paras
 Justice, Third Appellate Court

OFFICE OF THE
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
COURT HOUSE, SAN FRANCISCO

January 13, 1982

Justice Cruz Reynoso
California Court of Appeal
Sports and Library Building
Sacramento, California

Dear Cruz:
Congratulations on your appointment. I've
got my fingers crossed for the confirmation
hearings. If you want me to write a letter,
please advise.
Remember the admonition from The Last Angry
Man, "Don't let the bastards get you down".

Sincerely,

Henry Canoy, Jr.

HL: jr

Letters of Opposition and Support to Cruz Reynoso's
Nomination as a Supreme Court Justice (1981-1982)

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January 13, 1982

In 1982, the Commission on Judicial Appointments approved Reynoso's nomination to the California Supreme Court by a vote of 2-1. Reynoso joined the Court, becoming the first Latino Associate Justice. Despite the historic significance of Reynoso's appointment, wholly reshape the Court. They ultimately led a successful campaign to defeat Chief Justice Rose Bird. Justice Reynoso and Justice Joseph Grodin in their 1986 retention elections. This campaign fundamentally changed the Court for at least two decades.




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Dear Mr. Justice:

I, **CHIEF JUSTICE ROSE BIRD**, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as filed with the Commission on Judicial Appointments of the State of California, on the date and at the place of filing therein, and that I am not aware of any other copy of the same.


Submitted and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, A. D. 1982.

Thomas R. Bird
 Chief Justice



For the Office of the Secretary, Justice, Executive, and Clerk of the Court:

[Signature]



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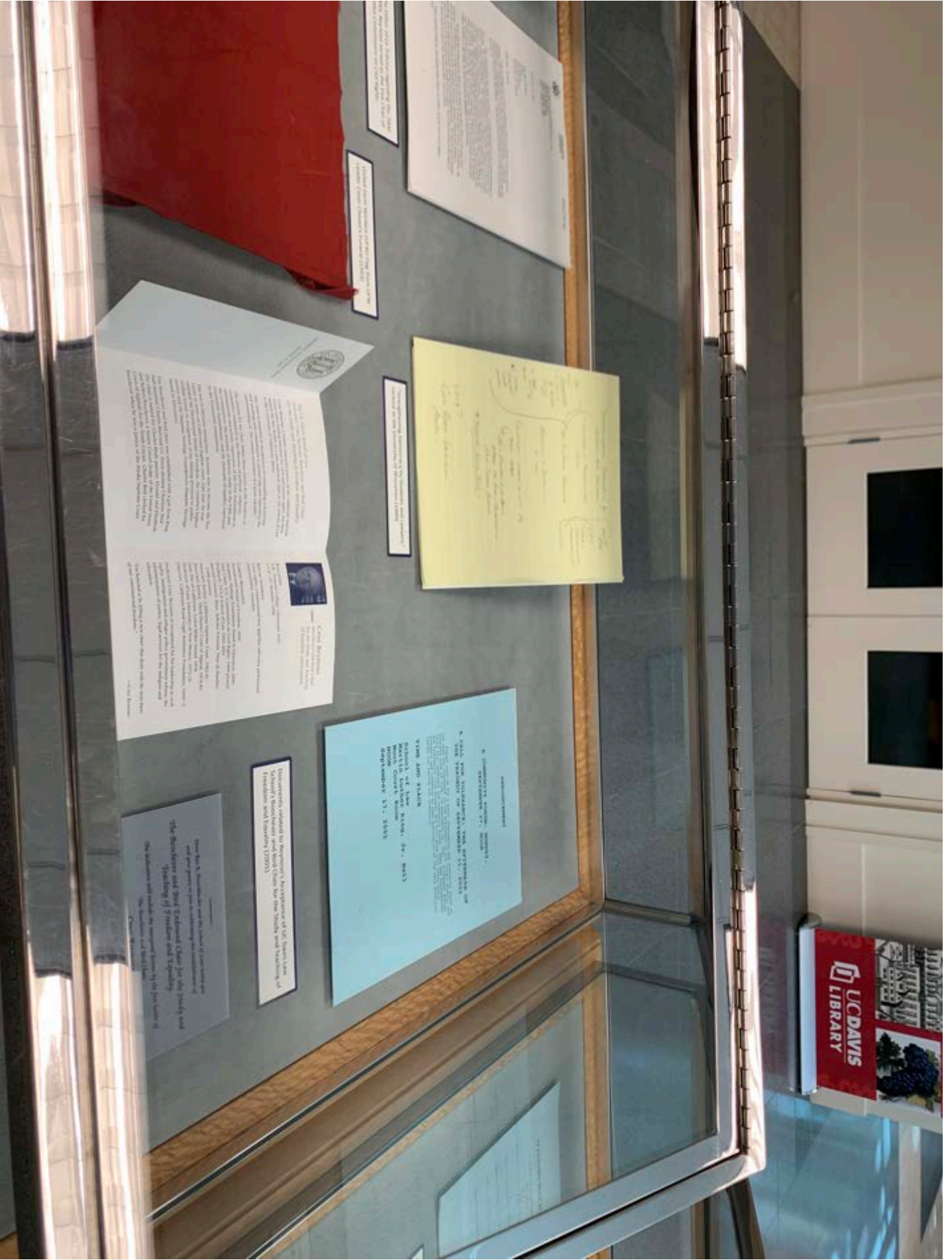
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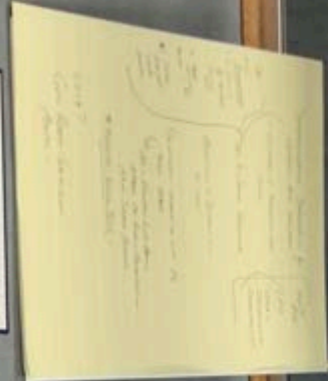
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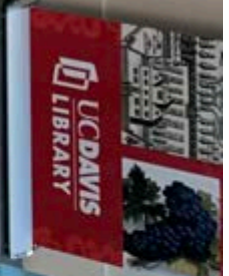
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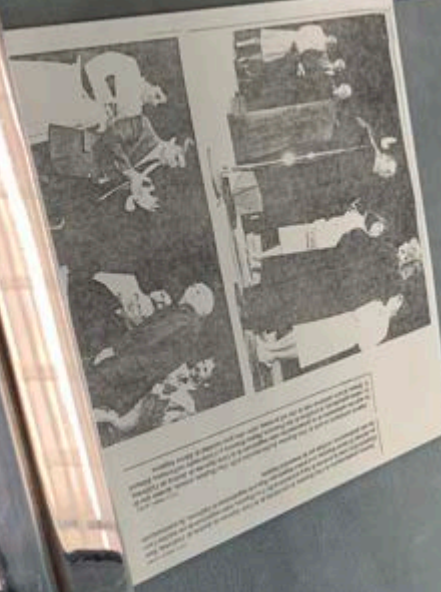
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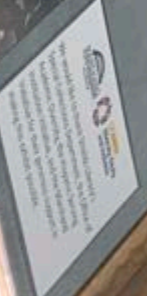
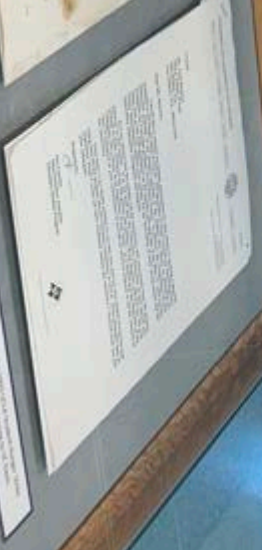




Photograph from Justice Reynoso's Investiture Ceremony, El Tiempo Latino, (1982)



Photograph of Reynoso in his Office circa 1978



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Reynoso Exhibit Event – Shields Library Courtyard (May 26, 2022)

